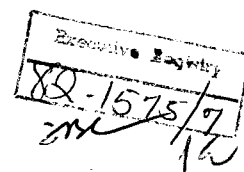


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM :
National Intelligence Officer at Large

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SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Law of the Sea, June 24, 1982

1. The meeting chaired by Under Secretary Buckley, reviewed agency positions on the five-point recommendation to the President contained in the IG report on follow-on LOS actions. The attached draft paper, prepared by State, is a consolidation of agency positions. Revisions were made at the meeting as shown.

2. In sum, it says:

- ° Don't sign the LOS Convention -- all agencies agree
- ° Announce that decision now -- most agencies agree
- ° US should further participate (at experts level) in LOS process -- bare majority favors
- ° US should defer decision on signing Final Act -- majority leans toward deferral
- ° US should encourage efforts to amend text -- wide spread of views on this.

3. Concern was expressed about the poor prospects for US seabed mining. A Commerce-conducted poll of key US mining firms last week revealed great discouragement in the industry:

- ° The LOS convention offers an unacceptable regime
- ° Reciprocating States Agreements have no durability
- ° A mini-treaty among like-minded states is implausible.

4. In short, no adequate legal underpinning for seabed mining is in prospects for US firms.

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5. A revised draft of the attached memo is to be circulated tomorrow. ...




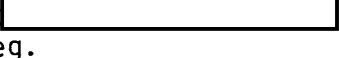

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Attachment

Interagency Report on LOS:
Agency Recommendations, dated
24 June 1982 (Draft) 

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